

## Supreme Leader **Kim Jong Un** Holds Talks with President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin

Pyongyang, April 26 (KCNA) -- Supreme Leader **Kim Jong Un** had talks with Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, president of the Russian Federation, on April 25.

Present at the talks from the DPRK side were Ri Yong Ho, foreign minister, and Choe Son Hui, first vice foreign minister, and from the Russian side were Sergei Lavrov, foreign minister, Yuri Trutnev, deputy prime minister and presidential envoy to the Far East Federal Region, Dmitri Peskov, deputy head of the Presidential Administration and president's press secretary, Yuri Ushakov, assistant to the president's foreign policy, Yevgeny Dietrich, minister of Transport, Alexandr Kozlov, minister of Development of the Far East and Arctic, Anatoli Yanovski, vice-minister of Energy, Oleg Belozеров, president of the Russian Railways Company, and Alexandr Matsegora, Russian ambassador to the DPRK.

At the talks, President Putin expressed deep thanks to Supreme Leader **Kim Jong Un** once again for accepting his invitation and visiting Russia, and stated the firm stand and will of the Russian government to carry forward and develop the history and tradition of the Russia-DPRK friendship.

**Kim Jong Un** said he was very pleased to visit Russia, the friendly neighboring country, at the invitation of President Putin and that the meeting came to be a special important occasion in reaffirming the invariable trend of the history of the DPRK-Russia relations and further developing the friendly relations between the two countries in a more solid and progressive way.

Saying it is a due responsibility before the times and history to put the DPRK-Russia relations on a new high stage as required by the new century, he expressed his determination to usher in a new heyday of the DPRK-Russia relations true to the intention of the preceding leaders.

Made at the talks was a discussion on further expanding and developing the bilateral cooperation in various fields.

The top leaders of the two countries had a discussion on boosting high-level visits including top-level meeting and contact and developing cooperation, exchange and collaboration between the governments, parliaments, regions and organizations of the two countries in various forms.

Both sides agreed to take positive measures in several fields in order to further energize the work of the DPRK-Russia Intergovernmental Committee for Cooperation in Trade, Economy, Science and Technology and put the equally beneficial economic and trade relations between the two countries on a higher stage.

They analyzed and assessed the trend of the situation on the Korean peninsula that has faced a crucial moment and had an in-depth discussion on the ways for the two countries to promote the strategic communication and tactical collaboration in the course of ensuring peace and security on the Korean peninsula and in the region.

**Kim Jong Un** said that the situation on the Korean peninsula and the region is now at a standstill and has reached a critical point where it may return to its original state as the U.S. took an unilateral attitude in bad faith at the recent second DPRK-U.S. summit talks, and added that peace and security on the Korean peninsula will entirely depend on the U.S. future attitude, and the DPRK will gird itself for every possible situation.

At the talks both sides agreed to more closely promote mutual understanding and bonds and boost strategic collaboration for ensuring regional peace and security in the future.

**Kim Jong Un** invited Putin to visit the DPRK at a convenient time and the invitation was readily accepted. -0-

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# The President Meets with Secretary of the Russian Security Council Nikolai Patrushev

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President Moon Jae-in met a delegation from the Russian Federation led by Nikolai Patrushev, Secretary of the Security Council, from 5pm to 5:45pm on April 25th. President Moon assessed that the Russia-DPRK summit which took place today will constructively contribute to the complete denuclearization and establishment of permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula. The President also expressed his gratitude for President Putin's firm resolve and active efforts towards resolving the Korean Peninsula issue through political and diplomatic means.

President Moon said, "I would like to meet President Putin on the occasion of the G20 Summit to be held in Osaka this June, and hope that he will visit the ROK at the earliest possible time." He also added, "I hope today's Russia-DPRK summit will serve as a foundation for the early resumption of US-DPRK dialogue and the facilitation of the denuclearization process of the Korean Peninsula."

Secretary Patrushev responded, “The Russian Federation and the ROK share the common goal of the complete denuclearization and establishment of permanent peace on the Korean Peninsula. The Russian Federation will inform the ROK of the outcome of the Russia-DPRK summit as soon as possible through diplomatic channel.”

Subsequently, Secretary Patrushev elaborated on the Joint Action Plan initiated by the Russian Federation and the People’s Republic of China. In response, President Moon mentioned, “The urgent task is to resume US-DPRK dialogue and facilitate denuclearization. The Joint Action Plan should be discussed with the United States in a sufficient manner. The Russian Federation is kindly asked to discuss the Plan with the United States thoroughly. The ROK will give full consideration of the Plan.”

Prior to the above meeting, Chung Eui-yong, Director of the National Security Office, held a ROK-Russia High Level Security Consultation Meeting with Secretary Patrushev for three and a half hours, to discuss the Korean Peninsula issue, the situation in Northeast Asia, ROK-Russia bilateral relations and other international matters in order to enhance momentum of ROK-Russia cooperation.

In the meeting, Secretary Partrushev rendered full support to the establishment of peace on the Korean Peninsula, and asked the ROK to play its role in the direction of successful US-DPRK negotiation to achieve the final goal of the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.

Both parties particularly shared the information related to the development of the negotiation on the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula after the 2nd US-DPRK Summit, and shared the same view that the cooperation of related parties is important for reinvigorating the current momentum of dialogue.

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# Remarks by President Moon Jae-in at Joint Press Conference Following Korea-Kazakhstan Summit

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First and foremost, I am truly grateful to President Tokayev and the people of Kazakhstan for inviting me as a state guest and warmly welcoming me and my delegation.

This year is significant as it marks the 10th anniversary of the strategic partnership established between Kazakhstan and Korea. I am very pleased to be able to have candid, heart-to-heart discussions with Your Excellency about the future of cooperation between our two countries in this important year.

Since its independence in 1991, Kazakhstan has made the most remarkable economic development among countries in Central Asia. It is a harvest reaped through the vision of the first President Nazarbayev and President Tokayev as great leaders and the Kazakh people's hard work.

Kazakhstan has laid out its "Strategy Kazakhstan-2050" plan for national development and is now spurring its endeavors to emerge as one of the world's 30 established states. For its part, Korea is implementing the New Northern Policy, as one of its priorities, with a view to achieving peace and

common prosperity in Eurasia.

Today, we had extensive discussions on how to deepen bilateral relations by harmoniously linking our two nations' policies.

First, we agreed to expand forward-looking cooperation.

To jointly respond to the era of the Fourth Industrial Revolution, our two countries will actively seek substantive collaboration in cutting-edge industries, including ICT, 5G, big data and the Internet of Things.

The Korea-Kazakhstan international IT cooperation center scheduled to be set up in Nur-Sultan will play a pivotal role in future cooperation between our two countries. I look forward to the center contributing to increasing exchanges in the fields of state-of-the-art technology and innovative industries as well as nurturing Kazakh professionals.

We agreed to actively identify cooperative infrastructure construction projects and break ground for the new Almaty Ring Road on the occasion of this state visit. The Almaty Ring Road is significant in that it is the first public-private partnership project in Central Asia that involves Korean businesses. In addition, an agreement was reached to establish a Korean car manufacturing plant, and businesspeople and government officials from both countries met yesterday to hold related events. I look forward to the success of this project as a leading example of our two countries' cooperation.

In healthcare and medical services, we reached agreement to push ahead with diverse cooperative projects involving e-health as well as the exchange of technology and professionals. Cooperation in healthcare and medical services that are directly linked to the quality of life will help improve the health and wellbeing of our two peoples.

We two leaders adopted a "Fresh Wind" program that covers all of these new cooperative projects. I am very pleased that our two countries will be able to promote substantive cooperation in a more systematic way. I look forward to bilateral cooperation being expanded into such new areas as space and the

defense industry.

Second, we agreed to further promote people-to-people exchanges between our two countries.

We decided to designate the year 2022, which marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of our diplomatic ties, as the year of mutual cultural exchanges and agreed to carry out various cultural exchange events.

Not long ago, an exhibition titled “Kazakhstan - The Cradleland of the ‘Golden Man’ ” was held at the National Museum of Korea, attracting much interest and positive reviews.

It is all the more pleasing to hear that there will be diverse cultural performances in Kazakhstan to celebrate the 10th anniversary of our two countries' strategic partnership this year. I hope that our two peoples will be able to feel more closely connected while enjoying Korean films as well as traditional music and Hanbok together.

Our two countries also concurred on strengthening cooperation in the judicial field. The Treaty for the Transfer of Sentenced Persons signed during this visit will help bring safety as well as conveniences and benefits to a new level for the people of our two countries.

Third, we two leaders agreed to continue to closely work together for peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and in Central Asia.

Today, President Tokayev welcomed the Korean Government' s efforts to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula and said he would continue to provide active support. It was a great boost, indeed. Thank you.

Kazakhstan' s denuclearization experience has inspired the denuclearization process on the Korean Peninsula. We agreed to continue relevant dialogues and cooperation.

Moreover, we highly praised the Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum, which has developed into a framework of multilateral collaboration among Korea and five Central Asian nations. The 12th Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum will be upgraded into a ministerial-level meeting and held here in Nur-Sultan this coming October. Welcoming this news, we agreed to work closely together for its success. We also decided to make joint efforts to enhance the role of the Korea-Central Asia Cooperation Forum Secretariat, which opened in Seoul in 2017 as a regular communication channel between Korea and Central Asia.

I will not forget the heart-to-heart talks I had with President Tokayev today. The friendship and trust between our two peoples and between the leaders make a strong foundation for bilateral relations. I hope that we will communicate and work more closely with each other in a bid to develop our strategic partnership in a more substantive and forward-looking manner.

I express my gratitude once more for your warm hospitality.

Rahmat! (Thank you)

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